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Board of Directors Board Minutes December 18, 2012

Board Members Board Chair Bob Moore, Vice-Chair Scott Reynolds, Directors Cathy Miller, Carol Moorehead, Doug Nelson and Ron Radabaugh

HDESD Staff John Rexford, Superintendent, Paul Andrews, Deputy Superintendent, Sandy Bishop, Director of Special Programs, Jayel Hayden, Executive Director of Human Resources, Greg Munn, Director of Fiscal Services, and Shelley Knutz, Executive Assistant

Call to Order

Bob Moore called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm.

Changes/Additions to the Regular Agenda

Carol Moorehead asked for a brief update on the OSBA conference, since she was unable to attend. All of those who attended gave Carol their impression of the conference and the speeches from Governor Kitzhaber, Dr. Rudy Crew, and Rob Saxton. All three speakers acknowledged there are too many ESDs and mentioned there are too many school districts as well. If there are fewer places to spend the money, the 40/40/20 framework will be more attainable. It was clear; there will be redistribution of resources. The Governor also addressed PERS reform in his keynote speech.

Special Education Program

Sandy Bishop presented an overview of the multiple special education programs and services provided by High Desert ESD. She distributed a current organization chart to show the many student/support services and who supports them. Funding comes from three main sources: State contracts, services to Local Service Plan Districts, and services to Non-Component Districts. Sandy highlighted the Long Term Care and Treatment (LTCT) Child Center. Cathy Miller asked what the Board can do to help create awareness of the Child Center. Sandy said that it is important to spread the word to get mental health services to children at a younger age and not wait until they are adolescents.

Sandy distributed a map of the eight regional programs in Oregon. We are 1 of 8 regional program contracts in the state. We serve 7 counties with low incidence disabilities: Vision Impairment (VI), Deaf and Hard of Hearing (DHH), Deaf Blind (DB), Autism, Orthopedic Impairment (OI) and Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI). Sandy explained the work done by a TBI Coach, and Paul addressed the background and training to become a TBI Coach. It is the intent to get districts up to speed with TBI training in order for them to respond to the growing numbers throughout the districts.

Services we provide to Local Service Plan Districts and Non-Component Districts:

- Assessment/Evaluation
- Consultation/Coaching
- Direct Instruction/Intervention
- Formal/Informal Training

Collaboration is essential between:

- Special Education Directors
- Special Education Teachers
- Regular Classroom Teachers
- Administrators
- Other Specialists
- Educational Assistants

Behavior Programs

Behavior Intervention Center (BIC) is a long term (45-60 days) regional program (Redmond, Bend, Sisters and Crook County) Cathy Miller asked if there would be more children in the program if there were more resources? Sandy confirmed there is a waiting list. They have looked at models for expanding the program. The need is there, but the resources are not. Bridges North and South in Bend & Rainbow in Redmond, was developed primarily for kids with autism. It has been very effective. Sandy showed four video clips of students receiving services in the programs she mentioned. The board members appreciated seeing firsthand how the students are being served.

Fiscal Report

Greg reported that property tax revenue has improved in 2012-13. He mentioned there will be four fiscal policies being considered for a first reading at the January board meeting. A banking request for proposal (RFP) will be submitted after the first of the year with seven districts participating. He is hoping for discounted rates, possible increase in interest and an increased level of customer service. It is an incentive to the banks to have multiple districts included. There are scoring criteria for the RFPs, and the process will be open for a board member to sit on the review committee.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Better Together – Backbone Discussion

On December 7th there was a presentation by All Hands Raised on Collective Impact. They were formerly the Portland Education Foundation and now support all of Multnomah County. Their focus is Cradle to Career, moving from isolation to collective impact of the community, education and business leaders. They believe that when the school report comes out and the superintendent is proud, then community and business leader should be proud. If the superintendent is disappointed by the report, then the business, community and higher education partners should be looking for ways to help improve it.

The Oregon Community Foundation offered to have us continue the Culture of Higher Ed grant, but we need to consider development of a backbone organization. Bob asked Paul if after the hearing the presentation, does he still believe High Desert ESD is the appropriate organization to serve as the backbone. Paul said that we see ourselves as the backbone organization for the culture of higher education initiative, but that we will need further discussion about a broader role as a 'cradle to career' backbone organization. Scott noted that the RESA conversations will change the form and function of ESDs a few years from now.

Superintendent Report and Legislative Update

The group of six superintendents is meeting today and tomorrow and intends to share their recommendation to consider Student Achievement Centers for a "thorough vetting". Cathy asked if we would have enough information for the budget process. Scott and Bob both asked Rob Saxton the same question. Mr. Saxton said that we would have some information, but there won't be many changes for the next 12 months. Bob stressed the importance of at least a framework going forward.

Superintendent Rexford attended the COSA Funding Coalition meeting. Rob Saxton and Ben Cannon addressed the membership. There was a lot of push back by K-12 districts for taking away significant funding from ESDs. They have last dollar responsibility for Special Education students and realize what this would mean for them.

Superintendent Rexford has communicated with staff about the incident in Connecticut. It is striking how vulnerable our students can be when someone decides to act out. He gave some background on the Safe School Alliance. Jayel Hayden is the facilitator, and the group is active and well. Scott complimented Jayel for being the face of the school district and the region on Friday. Cathy appreciated Sandy Bishop's comment about children suffering with mental health issues. She would like for us to find a way to get mental health services for students at an earlier age.

Board Chair Report

Bob Moore asked the board members for any updates they had to share:

- ✓ OAESD will be getting together next month.
- ✓ OSBA should be announcing the ballot results shortly.
- ✓ Superintendent Rexford and Bob Moore will be meeting with Rick Molitor and Steve Rankin on December 21st to discuss the Jefferson ESD's interest in consolidation.
- ✓ Ozzy Rose has assured Bob that the pilot governance model is in good shape and shouldn't be a concern moving forward.

First Reading Board Policy

- ✓ BBA – Board Powers and Duties – Being brought back for an additional first reading and duties. Cathy Miller recommended replacing the word “power” with “responsibility.”

ACTION ITEMS

Consent Agenda

- **Doug Nelson moved and Carol Moorehead seconded a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented, including the December Personnel Report, Computer Disposal List, Board Policies BBAB and CBA, and the board minutes from November 13, 2012. Shelley will correct the ACAC motion in the minutes. Motion carried 6-0.**

Adjourn

The December 18, 2012, High Desert Education Service District Board of Directors Meeting adjourned at 7:15 pm.

Bob Moore, Board Chair

Shelley Knutz, Executive Assistant